Supplementary Information

Tree height and leaf drought tolerance traits shape growth responses across droughts in a temperate broadleaf forest

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Table S1. Monthly Palmer Drought Severity Index (PDSI), and its rank among all years between 1950 and 2009 (driest=1), for focal droughts.

year	month	PDSI	rank
1966	May	-2.98	2
	June	-3.40	2
	July	-4.08	2
	August	-4.82	1
1977	May	-2.96	3
	June	-3.28	3
	July	-3.61	3
	August	-3.68	3
1999	May	-3.63	1
	$\overline{\mathrm{June}}$	-4.21	1
	July	-4.53	1
	August	-4.64	2

Table S2. Species-specific regression equations for bark thickness (mm) as a function of diameter at breast height without bark (mm).

Species	Equations	R^2
Carya cordiformis Carya glabra Carya ovalis Carya tomentosa Fagus grandifolia	$ln[r_{bark}] = -1.56 + 0.416 * ln[DBH]$ $ln[r_{bark}] = -0.393 + 0.268 * ln[DBH]$ $ln[r_{bark}] = -2.18 + 0.651 * ln[DBH]$ $ln[r_{bark}] = -0.477 + 0.301 * ln[DBH]$	0.226 0.04 0.389 0.297
Fraxinus americana Juglans nigra Liriodendron tulipifera Quercus alba Quercus prinus	$ln[r_{bark}] = 0.418 + 0.268 * ln[DBH]$ $ln[r_{bark}] = 0.346 + 0.279 * ln[DBH]$ $ln[r_{bark}] = -1.14 + 0.463 * ln[DBH]$ $ln[r_{bark}] = -2.09 + 0.637 * ln[DBH]$ $ln[r_{bark}] = -1.31 + 0.528 * ln[DBH]$	0.256 0.246 0.545 0.603 0.577
Quercus rubra Quercus velutina	$ln[r_{bark}] = -0.593 + 0.292 * ln[DBH]$ $ln[r_{bark}] = 0.245 + 0.219 * ln[DBH]$	$0.101 \\ 0.087$

We used linear regression on log-transformed data to relate r_{bark} to the diameter inside bark from 2008 data. These were then used to determine r_{bark} in the DBH_Y reconstruction (DBH in year Y). No bark correction was applied for $Fagus\ grandifolia$, which has thin bark.

Table S3. Species-specific regression equations for height (m) as a function of DBH (cm)

Species	Equations	R^2
Carya cordiformis	ln[H] = 0.332 + 0.808*ln[DBH]	0.874
Carya glabra	$\ln[H] = 0.685 + 0.691 \cdot \ln[DBH]$	0.841
Carya ovalis	$\ln[H] = 0.533 + 0.741 \ln[DBH]$	0.924
Carya tomentosa	$\ln[H] = 0.726 + 0.713 \ln[DBH]$	0.897
Fagus grandifolia	$\ln[H] = 0.708 + 0.662 * \ln[DBH]$	0.857
Liriodendron tulipifera	ln[H] = 1.33 + 0.52*ln[DBH]	0.771
Quercus alba	$\ln[H] = 0.74 + 0.645 * \ln[DBH]$	0.719
Quercus prinus	$\ln[H] = 0.41 + 0.757 \cdot \ln[DBH]$	0.886
Quercus rubra	$\ln[H] = 1.00 + 0.574 \cdot \ln[DBH]$	0.755
all	ln[H] = 0.839 + 0.642*ln[DBH]	0.857

Table S4. Individual tests of species traits as drivers of drought resistance, where Rt is used as the response variable.

		all droughts		1966		1977		1999	
variable	category	$\Delta { m AICc}$	coefficients						
xylem porosity	R	-0.8	0.0630	2.29**	0.190	1.92	-0.152	3.36**	0.1500
	D/SR		0.0000		0.000		0.000		0.0000
PLA		6.7**	-0.0140	9.13**	-0.025	-0.32	-0.010	-0.95	-0.0070
LMA		-2.01	0.0002	-1.9	0.001	-1.68	-0.002	-2.03	0.0003
π_{tlp}		1.33	-0.1740	-1.65	-0.107	1.23	-0.245	-0.1	-0.1690
WD		-1.97	-0.0310	-1.26	-0.206	-1.44	-0.154	0.66	0.2720

^{**} $\Delta AICc > 2$: variable considered significant as an individual predictor

Table S5. Individual tests of species traits as drivers of drought resistance, where Rt_{ARIMA} is used as the response variable.

		all o	all droughts		1966		1977		1999
variable	category	$\Delta { m AICc}$	coefficients	$\Delta AICc$	coefficients	$\Delta { m AICc}$	coefficients	$\Delta AICc$	coefficients
xylem porosity	R	-1.47	0.0420	0.95	0.1520	2.84**	-0.171	2.27**	0.155
	D/SR		0.0000		0.0000		0.000		0.000
PLA	•	4.48**	-0.0120	10.15**	-0.0240	-0.9	-0.008	-1.67	-0.005
LMA		-1.99	-0.0003	-2.02	0.0005	-0.42	-0.003	-1.9	0.001
π_{tlp}		0.42	-0.1510	-1.94	-0.0530	-0.53	-0.179	0.04	-0.200
WD		-1.94	-0.0390	-0.08	-0.3040	-1.57	-0.142	0.83	0.316

^{**} $\Delta AICc > 2$: variable considered significant as an individual predictor

Table S6. Individual tests of species traits as drivers of drought recovery (Rc).

		all droughts		1966		1977		1999	
variable	category	$\Delta { m AICc}$	coefficients	$\Delta { m AICc}$	coefficients	$\Delta { m AICc}$	coefficients	$\Delta AICc$	coefficients
xylem porosity	R	15.25**	-0.280	9.9**	-0.474	-1.67	-0.0370	17.06**	-0.3380
	D/SR		0.000		0.000		0.0000		0.0000
PLA		-1.98	0.002	-1.33	0.014	1.10	-0.0090	-2.03	0.0010
LMA		-1.35	-0.002	0.32	-0.008	-2.04	-0.0001	-2.03	-0.0005
π_{tlp}		-1.13	-0.149	-1.94	-0.101	1.08	-0.1630	-1.14	-0.2020
WD		-1.86	-0.088	-1.6	0.278	-1.68	-0.0980	-1.03	-0.2950

^{**} $\Delta {\rm AICc} > 2$: variable considered significant as an individual predictor

Table S7. Individual tests of species traits as drivers of drought resilience (Rs).

		all droughts			1966		1977		1999
variable	category	$\Delta { m AICc}$	coefficients						
xylem porosity	R	0.24	-0.147	-1.29	-0.110	1.42	-0.263	-1.11	-0.0840
	D/SR		0.000		0.000		0.000		0.0000
PLA		1.09	-0.016	1.09	-0.020	-0.51	-0.017	0.67	-0.0130
LMA		-1.9	-0.001	-1.00	-0.004	-1.95	-0.001	-2.02	-0.0004
π_{tlp}		2.5**	-0.347	-1.11	-0.212	1.57	-0.468	6.11**	-0.3730
WD		-1.83	-0.109	-2.05	-0.020	-1.37	-0.298	-2.02	0.0360

^{**} $\Delta {\rm AICc} > 2$: variable considered significant as an individual predictor

Table S8. Summary of top full models for each drought instance, where Rt is used as the response variable.

drought	$\Delta { m AICc}$	$MarginalR^2$	$Conditional R^2$	Intercept	ln[H]	ln[TWI]	ln[H] * ln[TWI]	PLA	π_{tlp}
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all	0.000	0.08	0.12	1.131	-0.057	-0.086	_	-0.012	-0.113
	0.583	0.06	0.11	1.423	-0.055	-0.086	-	-0.013	_
	0.726	0.08	0.12	1.537	-0.202	-0.326	0.082	-0.012	-0.114
	1.352	0.06	0.11	1.826	-0.198	-0.324	0.081	-0.013	-
1966	0.000	0.16	0.25	1.622	-0.135	-	-	-0.025	-
1977	0.000	0.06	0.22	0.503	_	-0.144	-	_	-0.24
	0.908	0.01	0.21	1.069	-	-0.144	-	-	-
	0.988	0.06	0.22	0.568	-0.03	-0.139	-	-	-0.246
	1.144	0.08	0.24	0.684	-	-0.142	-	-0.007	-0.204
	1.267	0.04	0.22	1.211	-	-0.141	-	-0.01	-
1999	0.000	0.01	0.18	1.061	_	-0.102	_	_	_
	0.023	0.04	0.19	0.659	-	-0.101	-	-	-0.169
	0.954	0.02	0.19	1.157	-	-0.1	-	-0.007	-
	1.513	0.05	0.21	0.783	-	-0.1	-	-0.005	-0.145
	1.803	0.01	0.18	1.024	0.013	-0.103	-	-	-
	1.901	0.04	0.19	0.635	0.011	-0.102	-	-	-0.166

Models are ranked by AICc. Shown are all models whose AICc value falls within 2.0 (Δ AICc<1) of the best model (bold). R^2 refers to conditional R^2 . Year was included in the model for all drought years and appeared in all its top models, but coefficients were small (1966: 0, 1977: -0.019, 1999: -0.005; same values in all top models).

Table S9. Summary of top models for each drought instance, where Rt_{ARIMA} is used as the response variable.

drought	$\Delta AICc$	$Marainal R^2$	$Conditional R^2$	Intercept	ln[H]	ln[TWI]	ln[H] * ln[TWI]	PLA	π_{tlp}
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all	0.000	0.05	0.09	2.113	-0.307	-0.506	0.14	-0.012	_
	0.419	0.06	0.10	1.872	-0.31	-0.508	0.141	-0.011	-0.096
	1.217	0.05	0.09	1.395	-0.06	-0.1	-	-0.012	-
	1.698	0.06	0.10	1.153	-0.062	-0.1	-	-0.011	-0.095
1966	0.000	0.17	0.23	1.660	-0.154	_	_	-0.024	_
1500	1.393	0.17	0.23	1.735	-0.154	-0.047		-0.024	_
	1.457	0.16	0.23	1.859	-0.152	-	-	-0.025	0.078
1977	0.000	0.01	0.16	1.130	_	-0.18			
1977							0.05	-	-
	0.424 0.688	0.02 0.03	0.16 0.17	2.453 0.720	-0.461	-0.896 -0.179	0.25	-	- -0.173
	0.088 0.922	0.03	0.17	2.040	- -0.466	-0.179 -0.898	- 0.251	-	-0.173
	0.922 0.927	0.04	0.17	1.248	-0.400 -	-0.898 -0.177	0.231	-0.008	-0.16
	1.322	0.03	0.17	2.569	-0.461	-0.177	0.25	-0.008	
	1.709	0.03	0.17	1.183	-0.401	-0.893 -0.177	0.25		-
	1.709	0.01	0.13	1.100	-0.02	-0.177	-	=	-
1999	0.000	0.04	0.20	0.563	-	-0.076	-	-	-0.2
	0.064	0.03	0.19	0.421	-	-	-	-	-0.202
	0.127	0.00	0.18	1.036	-	-0.077	-	-	-
	0.256	0.00	0.18	0.899	-	-	-	-	-
	1.777	0.04	0.20	0.529	0.016	-0.078	-	-	-0.195
	1.797	0.01	0.20	1.101	-	-0.076	-	-0.004	-
	1.815	0.00	0.18	0.986	0.018	-0.079	-	-	-
	1.838	0.01	0.20	0.972	-	-	-	-0.005	-
	1.933	0.03	0.19	0.391	0.012	-	-	-	-0.199
	1.979	0.04	0.21	0.612	-	-0.075	-	-0.002	-0.19
	1.999	0.04	0.21	0.482	-	-	-	-0.002	-0.19

Models are ranked by AICc. Shown are all models whose AICc value falls within 2.0 (Δ AICc<1) of the best model (bold). R^2 refers to conditional R^2 . Year was included in the model for all drought years and appeared in all its top models, but coefficients were small (1966: 0, 1977: -0.03, 1999: 0.008; same values in all top models).

Table S10. Summary of top models for each drought instance, where Rc is used as the response variable.

drought	$\Delta AICc$	$Marginal R^2$	$Conditional R^2$	Intercept	ln[H]	ln[TWI]	ln[H] * ln[TWI]	PLA	π_{tlp}
all	0.000	0.05	0.17	0.434	0.345	0.844	-0.269	-	-
	0.995	0.05	0.17	1.913	-0.126	-	-	-	-
	1.135	0.06	0.17	0.077	0.344	0.845	-0.269	-	-0.152
	1.991	0.05	0.18	0.410	0.346	0.843	-0.269	0.002	-
1000	0.000	0.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	1 000	0.455		
1966	0.000	0.01	0.28	-0.797	0.89	1.263	-0.475	-	-
	1.040	0.00	0.25	1.577	-	-		-	-
	1.367	0.02	0.30	-0.984	0.888	1.257	-0.474	0.013	-
	1.785	0.00	0.26	1.781	-	-0.114	-	-	-
	1.956	0.01	0.30	-1.025	0.89	1.261	-0.475	-	-0.097
1977	0.000	0.17	0.17	2.485	-0.482	_	_	_	-0.157
1011	0.299	0.17	0.17	2.943	-0.47	_	_	-0.008	-
	0.716	0.17	0.18	2.657	-0.477	_	_	-0.006	-0.114
	0.807	0.17	0.18	1.152	0.071	1.026	-0.308	-0.009	-
	0.875	0.17	0.18	2.729	-0.47	0.124	-	-0.009	_
	0.891	0.17	0.18	2.271	-0.479	0.115	_	-	-0.158
	0.910	0.17	0.18	0.712	0.054	1.004	-0.304	_	-0.159
	1.315	0.17	0.18	0.871	0.065	1.023	-0.308	-0.006	-0.112
	1.331	0.16	0.17	2.805	-0.464	-	-	-	-
	1.372	0.17	0.18	2.445	-0.475	0.122	_	-0.006	-0.112
	1.974	0.16	0.17	2.597	-0.466	0.118	-	-	-
1999	0.000	0.00	0.16	1.281	-	-	-	-	-
	0.532	0.00	0.17	1.093	-	0.105	-	-	-
	1.091	0.02	0.19	0.779	-	-	-	-	-0.212
	1.609	0.02	0.19	0.578	-	0.106	-	-	-0.217
	1.755	0.00	0.17	1.200	0.027	-	-	-	-
	1.996	0.00	0.18	1.251	-	-	-	0.002	-

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Table S11. Summary of top models for each drought instance, where Rs is used as the response variable.

drought	$\Delta AICc$	$MarginalR^2$	$Conditional R^2$	Intercept	ln[H]	ln[TWI]	ln[H] * ln[TWI]	PLA	π_{tlp}
all	0.000	0.10	0.17	-0.265	0.348	0.864	-0.291	-0.012	-0.287
	0.176	0.08	0.16	-0.572	0.347	0.859	-0.291	-	-0.347
	1.518	0.07	0.16	0.458	0.354	0.866	-0.292	-0.016	-
	1.552	0.09	0.17	1.253	-0.166	-	-	-0.011	-0.288
	1.698	0.08	0.16	0.940	-0.166	-	-	-	-0.348
1000	0.000	0.04	0.15	1.004	0.005			0.00	
1966	0.000	0.04	0.15	1.834		-	-	-0.02	-
	0.402	0.03	0.16	1.589	- 0.000	-	-	-0.02	-
	1.189	0.00	0.14	1.534	-0.082	-	-	-	-
	1.313	0.00	0.15	1.293	- 0.005	-	-	- 0.010	- 0.110
	1.692	0.04	0.16	1.534	-0.085	-	-	-0.018	-0.116
1977	0.000	0.14	0.28	-0.932	0.294	1.207	-0.384	_	-0.467
	0.497	0.13	0.28	1.194	-0.383	-	-	_	-0.469
	1.304	0.15	0.30	-0.648	0.294	1.208	-0.383	-0.011	-0.411
	1.542	0.13	0.28	1.026	-0.387	0.095	-	-	-0.472
	1.555	0.09	0.28	0.138	0.304	1.211	-0.385	_	_
	1.852	0.14	0.29	1.467	-0.381	-	-	-0.01	-0.416
1999	0.000	0.07	0.13	0.237	-	-	-	-	-0.366
	0.313	0.08	0.14	0.472	-	-	-	-0.008	-0.317
	0.503	0.07	0.13	0.358	-0.048	-	-	-	-0.376
	0.532	0.07	0.13	0.394	-	-0.086	-	-	-0.364
	0.726	0.09	0.14	0.588	-0.047	-	-	-0.008	-0.328
	1.079	0.09	0.15	0.602	-	-0.081	-	-0.008	-0.319
	1.249	0.07	0.13	0.495	-0.044	-0.08	-	-	-0.374
	1.706	0.09	0.14	0.699	-0.044	-0.075	-	-0.007	-0.329

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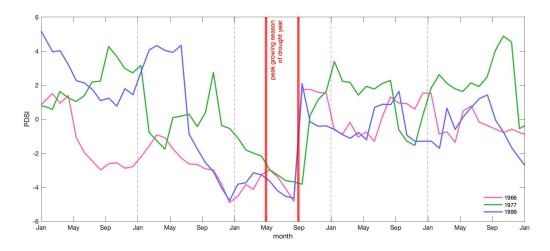


Figure S1. Time series of Palmer Drought Severity Index (PDSI) for each focal drought year \pm 2 years



Figure S2. Map of ForestGEO plot showing topographic wetness index (color scale) and location of cored trees. Scale units are in meters

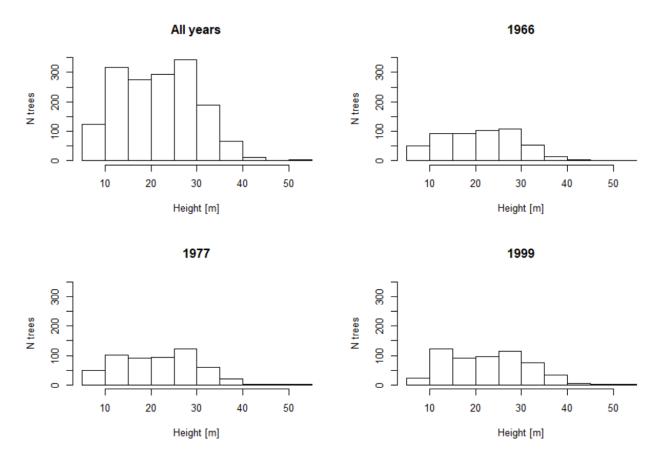


Figure S3. Distribution of reconstructed tree heights across drought years.

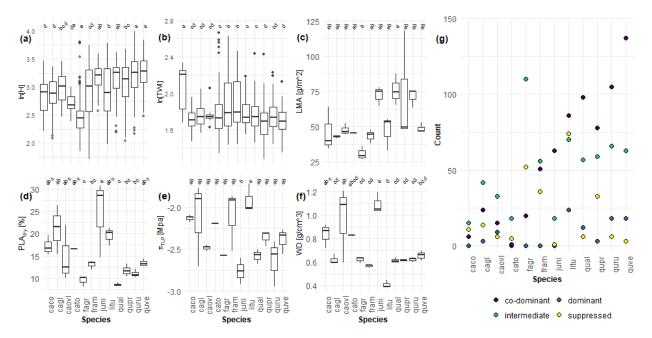


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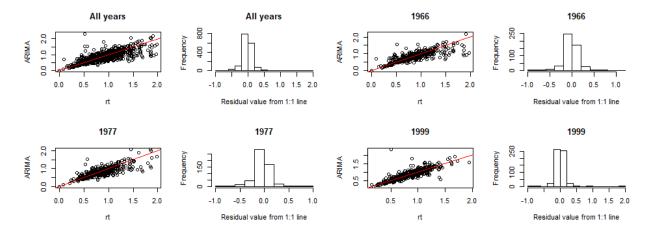


Figure S5. Comparison of Rt and Rt_{ARIMA} results, with residuals, for each drought scenario

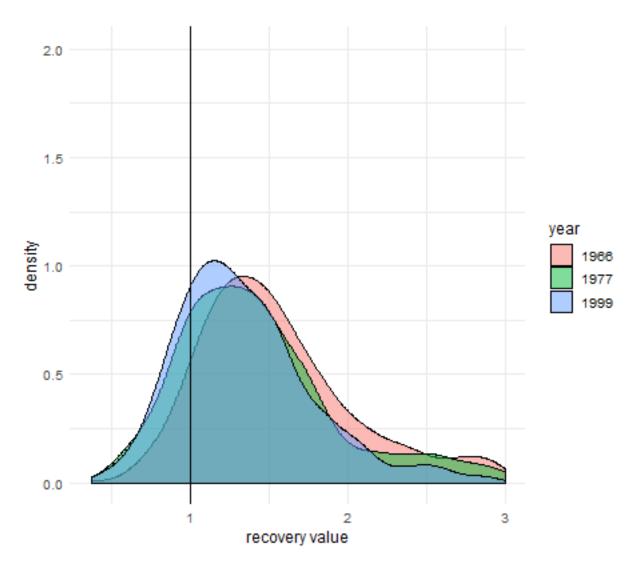


Figure S6. Density plot of drought recovery (Rc) values for each focal drought year.

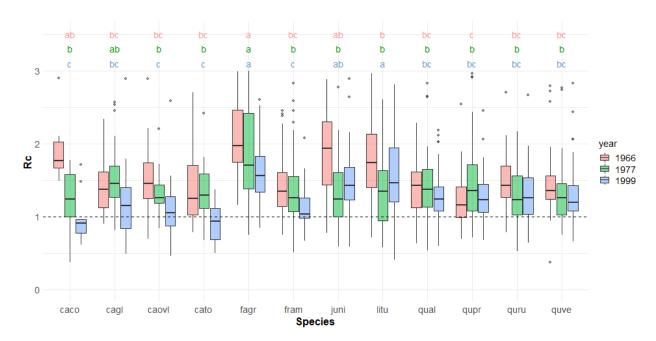


Figure S7. Drought recovery (Rc) across species for the three focal droughts. Species that are assigned the same letter are not significantly different from each other with regard to the tested variable. Letter groupings do not transfer between variables.

Methods S1. Further Package Citations

While there were several R-packages we used for a specific purpose in our methods, numerous packages were immensely helpful for this research behind the scenes. R-packages not already cited in the main manuscript include the following, listed alphabetically by corresponding package name:

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